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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - USA PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **INSPECTION METHOD AND INSPECTION APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR CIRCUIT**; the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56, including that which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

**Priority
Claimed**

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Country: Japan

Date Filed: May 30, 2001

Yes

I hereby claims the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 for any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §156(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith (if this application is assigned, I acknowledge that the appointed individual does not represent me, and that instead he represent the assignee): Ernest A. Beutler, Registration No. 19,961, Customer No. 25776.

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